

The Result of His Desire to Learn a Few New Tricks.

By GRANT THORBURN.

church time, to be sure, nor yet at Sunday school, nor week night meetfigs, nor Epworth league. It was at lar thing at the village entertainments.

But lately his popularity had begun tired of the same old card and coln the three went back. tricks, though Abe Hinchman, through ever did attend a sleight-of-hand per- a bonus besides at the end of a week." formance, always came in when the The diamonds were again produced

Abe realized that his popularity was the diamonds. on the wane. Even old Doc Clark- "I'll do it," he finally announced. He son's daughter had grown a bit dis- slowly withdrew from his pocket the mind. He drew about two-thirds of small bag. He counted the money in his bank deposit and started for New front of the two men, and they put the York. He was determined to learn a diamonds in the bag at his request. few new tricks, buy some new para- After he had counted the money and phernalla and come back and astonish replaced it in the envelope and once the natives and old Doc Clarkson's more examined the diamonds and redaughter. It was early winter, and placed them in the bag, which he did there was no farming to be done, so more or less carelessly, keeping up a there was no better time or opportu- steady conversation all the time, he nity, and he went.

He occupied a seat in the smoker. At a station near the metropolis a well dressed young man boarded the train, looked around for a seat and finally took the one next to Hinchman. He was a sociable sort of fellow and entered late conversation at once. Alse told him all he knew and many things that he didn't. The stranger was not so communicative and confined himself strictly to fiction, although Abe couldn't know that, of course.

"Now, look a-here," remarked this man. "Don't you go to any hotel. You go to a private boarding house. They won't skin you. I know a good one where they'll treat you right. You come with me." Ahe went

The place was situated in a rather obscure street, but the rates were cheap. Abe's companion, by a singular coincidence, boarded there himself.

After supper they went upstairs into the parlor. A caller was aunounced, a rather seedy personage. He wanted to see Abe's new companion. They talked together in one corner, while Abe sat in another. Then his friend came over to him.

"Say, Hinchman." he began, "do you know anything about diamonds? Any judge of them?" Abe glanced at the other man out of the corner of his eye. "Somepin," he replied. "Was in a jewelry store up home fr awhile.

Why? What's up?" "Why, say," centinued the other. "here's a friend of mine in a fix. He's got some good diamonds and wants me to losp about \$200 on 'em. They're worth \$000 anyway. I've seen 'em. Now, I ain't got \$200 or 1'd lend it to him. S'pose you do it. How much have you got?" This was a superfluous question, for he had discovered on the train that Hinchman had just

"Well, now, here," went on the oth-He can't pay up, and the stones are wherever they were, also had an en-

the difference between a couple of hun- was simply a roll of green paper and dred and most a thousand. See?"

Hinchman saw. He thought it over in one envelope and something else in he kept. another envelope of similar appear-

They had to go to the friend's room. Plathrook meeting house-not during staircase. The friend produced the jewels. Abe wouldn't touch them unless they went over to some Broadway jeweler and determined their worth and genuine character. This was fair. | the dough?" other times he shone-at the fairs and and they went. It was really superflucandy sales and donation parties and ous, for Abe could tell by the merest school commencements, for he was a examination that the stones were the prestidigitator, and he was the regu- real things. There were four of them, The Broadway jeweler looked at them, said they might sell for a couple of to wane. The Flatbrookers became \$150 spot cash for each of them. Then hundred apiece, but that he would give

"Well, what do you think of it?" asklong and careful practice, was an ed Hinchman's friend of Hinchman. adept at them. They longed for the "They ain't worth as much as we Indian box trick and the juggler's thought, but there's a good clear profit sword tricks of the metropolis. They in it for you in case my friend here did not know that down in the cities | don't pay, and if he does you get your the blase members of seclety, if they money back, with good big interest and

card and coin tricks commenced and and once more examined. From that yawned and went out when the Indian time on Abe Hinchman kept his eyes not on the faces of his friends, but on

> old. So are made up his envelope containing the laid both upon the table.

"Now, gents," he concluded, "I'm a stranger here, and I rely on your honor not to do me. This here is a fair and square deal on my part, and I s'pose it is on yours. Now there's your money, and here's"-

There was a loud rap on the door, and a man broke in. He was not in uniform, but he wore some kind of him were two other men.

"Don't move!" he selled to the three men around the table. "I arrest the whole gang for robbery!"

Hinchman's two companion's spraug to the table, shoved Hinchman aside, grabbed the bag containing the jewels and the envelope containing the money and made for the door.

"Run for your life," they yelled to Hinchman, "It's the cops! These stones is stolen." They waited not. but burst through the men at the door and leaped down the stairs. Hinchman was left to face the three men. "Well, sir." said the leader severely,

"we got you, anyways. What you got to say for yourself?"

Hinchman told the whole story from beginning to end. The three men evidently didn't believe it, but nevertheless they marched him to the corner of the street and there told him they would let him go provided he would his grip, paid his reckoning and tumped on the nearest trolley car. Eventually he fetched up at the Astor House.

There he took a room. in a corser, took off his hat and wiped his brow with a bandanna kerchief.

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in the other a few dried beans.

Abe Hinchman had merely played it and concluded that it was a sound as low down on 'em as he could, that's genuine. He excused himself a mo- in awhile. He stopped around and meat, went to his room and put \$200 sold two of the stones. The other two

A week later Abe Hinchman stepped off the train at Flatbrook and sauntered down the street. A diamond stud For years he'd been a power in the a few blocks distant, up a dark, dingy shone in his shirt bosom. He smoked a 20 cent cigar.

"Pretty flip, Abe," remarked a townsman-the jeweler, in fact-as he inspecied the pin. "Where'd you get

"Just been taking a little filer in Wall street with the boys," remarked

'Yes.'" It was a magnificent solitaire included in the merger. ring. "Oh, Abe!" sighed the young lady in assent.

A week later Abe Hinchman entertained a select audience with the Indian box trick, the sword trick, the clothes basket trick, the cabinet trick and every trick in the business. It was simply great.

"Women's clothes," remarked Mr. Enmes, as he watched his wife pin on her hat, "are extraordinary vestments." He paused after having pronounced that unusual word and continued to watch his wife thrust the long steel wire here and there in the endeavor to find the hole it belonged in. Presently she succeeded and, turning on him, said, "What did you say,

Mr. Eames repeated his remark emphatically, inquiring finally if ske were ready to go

"I am sorry to be so late," she apologized as they went downstairs, "but I was doing some cleaning today that couldn't be put off. I had a dress that had to be done up in moth balls, and shield, which he exhibited. Behind one of my hats was in need of a new ribbon, and then"-

Mr. Enmes grouned to show that he still thought that woman's vestments were extraordinary.

"And then I cleaned the pockets of three of your suits, dear. There were wads and wads of dust in them. I counted fifteen pockets in each suitno, there were sixteen in one-and three times fifteen makes forty-five, and one added is forty-six. I turned each pocket inside out and brushed the crease in the lining. You men have such complicated clothes, dear. Why, I never had more than three"-"All clothes." remarked Mr. Eames,

"are foolish. Let us drop the subject." -Youth's Companion.

Carlyle's Clothes.

Carlyle. like most men of genius, paid very scant attention to his clothes. "Until he came in touch with the society of ladies during the Kirkcaldy peappear at the police station to the riod," says R. S. Craig in "The Makmorning to prosecute the others. He ing of Carlyle," "it may be questioned promised, and they left him. He took whether he had ever taken the trouble to his heels and sprinted for his board- to be even moderately well fitted in ing house. Once there, he gathered up the important matter of clothes. He scorned the unessentials, and he was there is reason to believe the improvement vanished with marriage and hard Once in his room he slung his grip times. At all events, he wrote once ruefully to his wife on one of her absences that the coat she had contrived Then he drew carefully from his in- so cumingly out of a dressing gown side pocket first an envelope and then was unfit to be seen any longer in the a small bag. In the envelope was Abe polite society of Rotten row, and he I began to feel better and after a fair the real thing. See? And you'll be in velope and a little bag, but in the one rank and fashion of London." was riding daily in the park amid the

a cock and a duck, which were sus- opiatos and is entirely harmless;

## **NEW BILLION** Decrease in Cut and Prices in 1908 Shown by the Census Bureau. DOLLAR TRUST

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Any Definite Information Is Withheld, But Plans for the Merger Are New Well Under Way.

New York, Nov. 16 .-- No definate information could be obtained yesterday Slack cooperage of the reported organization of a new Tight cooperage \$1,000,000,000 corporation to control the output of copper.

Numerous conferences of copper in Vencer terests have been held at the offices of J.P. Morgan & Company, but none of the parties will talk of the reported com-

Reports of the proposed merger have

ttended to the flotation abroad,

800,000,000 pounds is included in the feet at the mill for all the lumber proposed merger, which is expected to bear 1906, \$16.56; with a drop the relation to the copper industry that tack to \$15.37 in 1908.

He," suggested Abe to Doc Clarkson's now in exchange for the outstanding by girl that day-"that is, if you'll say shares of the properties proposed to be Washington was of Douglas fir, while embezziement and grand larceny.

The Steady Man.

We'd like to write a little rhyme work and doesn't get home late, who never tries to shirk in order to be great. There are some fellows who will try to do their husisess tricks decrease of over one-tenth in the quanand have a finger in the pie of city tity of its outpu Los Angeles Express.

Won Him.

Biobbs-Henpeckke thinks you are he finest fellow in the world. How did you manage to make such an impression? Slobbs-Oh, I pretended to married man.-Philadelphia Record.

### Extreme Nervousness Cured by the Tonic Treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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Pillis. She says: nesvous prostration. I was so nervous that I dropped everything I took in my hands. I seemed to shake and tremble all over my body and could not keep I had severe pains all through my body but especially through the small of my back. My hands were numb. I poor. Miss Welsh sharpened him, but had dreadful hecclashes over my eyes and fainted away several times, ungry all of the time but could not satisfy my hunger. I lost in weight and

> "I had been sick for six years before I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which were recommended to me by a friend. Before I had used the pills long good tonic medicine."

The First Balloonist.

The tonic treatment with Dr. Williams' Fink Pills by building up the 1907 and 1908 by species, it is stated that
blood so that it can nourish and strengthfor every kind of wood, except chestnut. dogs in battleships subjected to bout en the weakened nervous system has the average value in 1808 was less than bardment recalls the fact that animals made hundreds of cures in the most in 1907. The average value of skingles were used as passengers in the early severe nervous disorders. This record of al species was \$1.56 per thousand in experiments in flying. In fact, the first of ourse should merit a trial for the 1900, \$1.65 in 1904, \$2.04 in 1906, \$2.55 modern aerial travelers were a sheep.

a cock and a duck, which were sus-ponded in a cage beneath the balloon let, "Diseases of the Nervous System." of cedar, Of these, the western cedar-

FOREST PRODUCTS BULLETIN.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15 .- The facts and figures contained in the forthcoming U. S. census bureau bulletin on lumber, lath and shingles in 1908 disclose in most striking manner the adverse conditions obtaining in the lumber industry during that year. The annual federal report on the statistics of forest products is compiled by a committee of experts from the census bureau and the forest service The census is represented by W. M. Stewart, chief statistician for manufactures, and J. E. Whelchel, expert chief of division; while R. S. Kellogg, assistant forester, and A. H. Pierson, forest assistant, represent the forest service. A comparative summary of the total values for the several groups of forest products investigated for the calendar years 1907 and 1908 follows:

Lumber, lath and shingles .... \$541,545,640 \$707,095,409 Cross ties.... 56,280,568 78,958,605 Pulpwood 28,047,473 32,360,276 Tanbark and t'nning extracts. 21,361,719 21,205,547 19,807,370 stock ...... 16,900,651 15,800,253 5,928,924 Poles ..... 8.081.768 7,891,431 -6,436,237 Wood distillation ..... 6,509,428 8,196,181 Totals .... \$698,262,175 \$807,941,786

The heavy decrease in the total value reported for 1908 reflects the ascertained been sifted down to a point where fair of the business depression, the quantity by general credence is given the state of lumber, 33,224,369 thousand feet, ment that J. P. Mergan & Company will board measure, produced in 1908, was have the financing in charge, with the less than that for any other year for National City bank and the First Na-tional bank of this city as the probable 1900. The average cut of lumber per and concluded that it was a sound as low down on 'em as he could, that's mediums through which the security is active mill shown by the reports for proposition, provided the gems were all. Legerdemain comes in handy once sues in this country will be handled. ues in this country will be handled. 1908 was but little more than 1,000,000 A world-wide distribution is said to feet, as against nearly 1,400,000 feet per be intended, however, with several mill in 1907. The bulk of this decrease, European institutions of prominence to it is stated, was undoubtedly due to tended to the flotation abroad, smaller production. The gradual rise in Production, treatment and sale of the average value is apparent from the oper to the manont of approximately fact that the price in 1900 per thousand per cent, of the total cut. Louisiana

> bination are the Amalgamated, Gug-genhein, Phelps-Dodge and Cole Ryan or 17.5 per cent, in the total quantity low pine, and in Minnesota of white pine, preperties, with the smelting and selling of the output. In the case of most of No state and no species led decisively in Abe excelessly. Another halled him.
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> > Louisiana was first in the production of lumber of two important sinds, yellow pine and express. Heavy decreases in the production of Douglas fir and yellow about the steady man, who keeps on of cypics was nearly the same in both pogging all the time and does the best years; hence, the decrease in total pro-he can; the man who early goes to duction in Louisiana in 1908 was less politics. They try to put on lots of compared with 1997, it advanced in rank style and play a heavy role, and in a of the very heavy falling off in the outlittle bit o' while you find them in a put of Texas, which dropped from third hole. I like the man of steady page: place in 1907 to sixth place in 1908. The his system I admire. He has no wild cut in Arkansas decreased about onedesire to place more from in the fire!- sixth, but, nevertheless, the state advanced in rank from sixth to fourth

> > Wisconsin and Michigan, with decreases of about one fifth, held fifth and seventh places, respectively, in both years. In recent years, the production in Michigan has been decreasing stendily, falling in 1907 below the two billion mark for the he surprised when he told me he was a first time in nearly forty years. Since 1880, however, Michigan has cut nearly 100 billion feet of lumber, a production which has not been approached by that of any other state.

The output in Wisconsin, its nearest competitor, during the same period, was probably less than 75 billion feet. The reported output in Georgia was 6 per cent, greater in 1908 than 1907. This apparent increase, however, was due chiefly to the fact that, through the aid of special agents in obtaining reports rom delinquent manufacturers, a fuller canvass of the mills was secured in 1908 than in the previous year. Small increases in output are also shown for Idaho. Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Utah

and Wyoming. Yellow pine had been far in the lead as a lumber producer for more than a decade previous to 1908, and this supremacy was more than maintained in that year, when its cut amounted to 33.8 per cent of the total cut from all species. and in spite of a decrease of 1,978,813,000, or 15 per cent., in the output of this pecies in 1908, as compared with 1907. Douglas fir ranked second, both in 1908 and 1907, though with a decrease of 1,078,758,000 feet, or 22.6 per cent., in the output for the latter year, as compared with the former. White pine while ranking third in both years, showed a decrease in the output for 1908 of 847, 787,000, or 20.2 per cent., from the output in 1907. Though still maintaining hair relative rank, oak and hemlock fell off 947,249,000 feet and 842,173,000 feet, respectively, or about 25 per cent. each. The decrease in spruce, 18,2 per cent., was close to the average decrease for all species, and the reported cut of western pine was less than in 1907 by 16.5 per cent. Only slight decreases occurred in maple and cypress. A decrease of 24.2 per cent, in the cut of yellow poplar caused this wood to drop from ninth place in 1907 to tenth place in 1908. Decreases, which were heavier than week you can keep the stones. See? Hinchman's \$200, and in the bag were had reluctantly discarded it. Carlyle trial I was cared. I could work all day the average, occurred in redwood, cotton four genuine stones. The other men. was then at the height of his fame and felt better than I over had before, wood and white fir, while increased cuts My health is good now and I can recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a rack, balsam fir, tupelo, walnut and cherry.

per cent., or more than nine billion, of sent up from Versailles by Joseph Montgoffer in 1783. A veyage of two miles left them quite untajured except the sheep hed kicked the cock in the wing. In America, too, early experiments were nade with animals which were let up to a certain height by a rope,—London Chronicle. Of these, the western cedar



the relation to the copper industry that the United States steel corporation now does to the steel industry.

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all of the lumber manufactured in Big Four railroad, charging him with favor of peace."

den says in a recent number of Der Militaer Artzt that in the next great war the mortality from gunshot wounds will be "frightfully large." He describes one kind of military rifle the missile from which will "not go straight, but will be deflected by the slightest resistance after it strikes the body and will continue on, making a "Well," returned Abe, "you can just bet that I stood on the steps in front of the Astor House along with the best of them. Yes, sir, I did."

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